

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Atsushi NAGAHARA et al.

Application No.: New US Application

Docket No.: 117978

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims;

**Amendments to the Drawings** includes an attached replacement sheet; and

**Remarks.**